

## George Washington to Thomas Jefferson, February 15, 1792, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

### Washington to Jefferson WASHINGTON TO JEFFERSON

*Wednesday, February 15, 1792.*

*Dear Sir:*

Before I give any decided opinion upon the letter you have written to Majr. L'Enfant,<sup>23</sup> or on the alterations proposed for the engraved plan, I wish to converse with you on several matters which relates to this business. This may be, if nothing on your part renders it inconvenient, immediately after 8 Oclock

<sup>23</sup> Probably the letter from Jefferson to L'Enfant, Feb. 22, 1792, which is in the Digges-Morgan-L'Enfant Papers in the Library of Congress.

tomorrow; at wch. hour I breakfast, and at which If agreeable to yourself I should be glad to see you.

In the meanwhile, I send for your perusal an address from Mr. Welsh, which, (though dated yesterday) is but just received. You will recollect the communications of Mr. Walker on Saturday afternoon. From these, those of Sunday differed but little. But as he said Major L'Enfant had declin'd committing, or suffering to be committed to writing any ideas of his, forasmuch as he had given them to me *before* in a letter, I have looked these over, and send the only one I can find in which he has attempted to draw a line of demarkation between the Commissioners and himself. I also send you the *general* ideas of another

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person, principally on the subject of a loan, that you may, If leisure and inclination will permit give the whole a perusal before I see you. Yours etc.

P.S. If Mr. Madison can make it convent, to come with you I should be glad to see him also. In that case, it might be well to give him a previous perusal of the enclosed papers.

[Pp. 480–1, WRITINGS OF WASHINGTON, Fitzpatrick, Vol. 31.]